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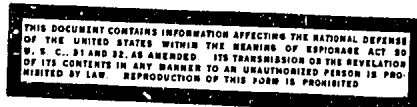
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SHIPBUILDING, RR, AND HIGHWAY NEWS FROM BULGARIA

STEAMSHIP SHIPKA RAISED IN STALIN HARBOR -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 13 Jul 52

On 11 July 1952, the steamship Shipka was raised in Stalin harbor and towed 7.5 miles to port. For 3 years, the divers and seamen of the emergency-rescue squad of the Upravlenie na vodniya transport (Water Transport Administration) in Stalin have been trying to raise the Shipka, which sank in 1941. The group started with six people but grew to 90, 30 of whom are divers. Some of the people were sent from the USSR, and seamen from the Purvi May, Rakovski, and Vikhur ships assisted.

For 3 years, the divers have worked 11 or 12 hours, day and night, to put huge 80- and 200-ton steel pontoons under the steamship to lift it to the surface. They also dug 12 tunnels 600 meters long under the vessel. Workers have already been organized to clean accumulated moss, lichen, and slime off the ship.

MOTORSHIP RION COMPLETED -- Sofia, Vecherni Novini, 28 Aug 52

Stalin, 28 August -- The completion yesterday of the motorship Rion was celebrated in the "G. Dimitrov" Shipyard of KORBEO (Bulgarian-Soviet Shipbuilding Organization) in Stalin. With the help of Soviet specialists, workers from three KORBEO shipyards, the "G. Dimitrov," "Koralovag," and "Neptun," were engaged in building the ship.

The celebration of the completion of the ship was attended by Stoyan Pavlov, candidate member of the Central Committee, Bulgarian Communist Party, and first secretary of the Stalin okrug committee of the party; Al. Kryuchkov, Soviet Consul in Stalin; Mr Belov, general director of KORBEO, Vutyu Vutev, director of the "Koralovag" Shipyard; Marin Bahgiev, secretary of the Stalin City Committee, Bulgarian Communist Party; as well as the shipyard workers. Telegrams were sent to Stalin and Chervenkov on the occasion.

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TRAIN SCHEDULE OF NEW RR LINE -- Sofia, Vecherni Novini, 6 Sep 52

The Glavno to upravlenie na zheleznitsite (Main Railroad Administration) reports that the new Dolno Kamartsi-Klissura railroad line will be in operation as of 7 September 1952. The following passenger trains will travel on this line: Train No 2802 will leave Sofia at 0810 hours and arrive in Karlovo at 1345 hours; there it will connect with train No 4201, which goes to Plovdiv, and train No 4204, which goes to Sliven and Burgas.

Train No 2806 will leave Sofia at 1530 hours and arrive in Karlovo at 2036 hours; there it will connect with train No 4203, which goes to Plovdiv, and train No 4206, which goes to Kazanluk.

Train No 2803 will leave Karlovo at 0236 hours and arrive in Sofia at 0858 hours; there it will connect with train No 602, which goes to Kyustendil.

Train No 2805 will leave Karlovo at 1627 hours and arrive in Sofia at 2216 hours; it will connect in Ilievtsi with train No 204, which goes to Stalin, and with train No 706, which goes to Vidin; in Sofia it will connect with train No 506, which goes to General Todorov.

SUCCESSSES OF BULGARIAN RAILROADS -- Sofia, Vecherni Novini, 2 Aug 52

During the first half of 1952, about 2 million tons of freight above the norm have been transported in Bulgaria, and thus a saving of over 5,300,000 leva was effected. During the same period, 7,284 freight trains have transported 1,910,125 tons of freight above the norm, while during all of 1951, 10,713 freight trains have transported only 2,112,612 tons of freight above the norm.

The turnaround time of railroad cars was diminished from 118 hours in 1949 to 87 hours during the first half of 1952. The average 24-hour run of locomotives increased from 127 kilometers in 1949 to 238.58 kilometers during the first half of 1952.

A ferry over the Danube will connect the railroad stations of Vidin (Bulgaria) and Calafat (Rumania).

UAT TO STREAMLINE OPERATIONS -- Sofia, Vecherni Novini, 8 Aug 52

Imitating the Soviets, the UAT (Administration for Automobile Transportation) began to exploit its trucks fully having them loaded in both directions of the trip. During January and February 1952, 187 trucks began to operate according to the new method. The Sofia branch of UAT has 31 trucks operating in this way, the Plovdiv branch 20, and the Pazardzhik branch 10. According to the new method, two drivers are assigned to each truck. During one month, Driver Stefan Krustev drove 300 work-hours and received over 920 leva per month in salary.

LAZAROVO SECTION OF HIGHWAY PAVED -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 18 Jul 52

The highway has been paved in Lazarovo, Byata Slatina Okoliya, thus linking the village to Cherven Bryag and Oryakhovo. The 1,800-meter section was paved in 2 days. Organized by the women's section of the Fatherland Front, 600 women took part in the work.

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